

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on February 2, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mark Blasdel, Chair (R)
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Sales (R), Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 29, 1/27/2017; SB 156, 1/27/2017

00:00:42 Chairman Blasdel

00:01:10 Sen. Pomnichowski entered the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 156

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:13 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 156, Provide for Montana earned income tax credit.

00:01:53 Sen. Barrett entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:45 Mike Kadas, director, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:06:15 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

[EXHIBIT\(tas24a01\)](#)

00:10:48 Carin McClain, Montana's Credit Unions

00:12:01 Lorianne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network

00:14:12 Sarah Howell, Montana Women Vote

00:16:50 Kelsen Young, executive director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

00:18:47 Jackie Boyle, American Association of Retired Persons of Montana

00:20:45 Jules Shindel, Montana Human Rights Network

00:21:11 Jennifer Lehman, Rural Dynamics Incorporated

[EXHIBIT\(tas24a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:23:58 Dan Dodds, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:15 Sen. McClafferty

00:24:53 Mr. Kadas, DOR

00:25:04 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:25:56 Ms. O'Loughlin, MBPC

00:26:35 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:27:36 Ms. O'Loughlin

00:28:33 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:28:59 Ms. O'Loughlin

00:30:12 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:30:52 Mr. Kadas

00:32:18 Sen. Hoven

00:33:00 Mr. Dodds, DOR

00:33:53 Sen. Hoven

00:34:30 Sen. Cohenour
 00:35:03 Sen. Hoven
 00:35:10 Sen. Cohenour
 00:35:25 Ms. O'Loughlin
 00:36:32 Sen. Barrett
 00:37:12 Mr. Dodds
 00:37:23 Sen. Malek
 00:38:32 Ms. O'Loughlin
 00:38:57 Sen. Malek
 00:39:07 Ms. O'Loughlin
 00:39:36 Sen. Malek
 00:40:00 Ms. Boyle
 00:40:35 Sen. Hoven
 00:40:56 Ms. O'Loughlin
 00:42:06 Sen. Malek
 00:42:15 Ms. O'Loughlin
 00:42:27 Sen. Malek
 00:42:32 Ms. O'Loughlin
 00:43:02 Sen. Malek
 00:43:14 Ms. O'Loughlin

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:26 Sen. Cohenour
 00:44:36 Chairman Blasdel
 00:45:29 Recess
 00:47:46 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 29

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:05 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 29, Require parcel to be at least 1 acre for valuation as agricultural property.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:50:13 Mike Kadas, director, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
[EXHIBIT\(tas24a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:54:30 Annie Heuscher, program director, Community Food and Agriculture Coalition
[EXHIBIT\(tas24a04\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(tas24a05\)](#)

00:58:08 Deborah Carstensen, Diving Dog Vineyard
[EXHIBIT\(tas24a06\)](#)

EXHIBIT(tas24a07)

01:08:55 David Renn, self
01:10:54 Rep. Greg Hertz, HD 12

Informational Testimony:

01:12:44 Mr. Kadas, DOR

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:13:04 Sen. Cohenour
01:13:42 Cynthia Monteau Moore, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
01:14:05 Sen. Cohenour
01:14:22 Ms. Monteau Moore, DOR
01:14:25 Mr. Kadas
01:15:02 Sen. Cohenour
01:15:25 Mr. Kadas
01:16:25 Sen. Cohenour
01:16:32 Mr. Kadas
01:17:41 Sen. Barrett
01:18:02 Mr. Kadas
01:18:19 Sen. Barrett
01:18:41 Mr. Kadas
01:22:10 Sen. Barrett
01:22:50 Mr. Kadas
01:24:13 Sen. Barrett
01:24:45 Mr. Kadas
01:25:05 Sen. Barrett
01:26:43 Rep. Essmann
01:30:37 Sen. Barrett
01:31:18 Rep. Essmann
01:32:36 Sen. Malek
01:32:55 Mr. Kadas
01:33:16 Sen. Malek
01:33:26 Mr. Kadas
01:33:52 Sen. Malek
01:34:31 Mr. Kadas
01:37:37 Sen. Malek
01:39:08 Sen. Webb
01:39:38 Mr. Kadas
01:40:51 Sen. Webb
01:41:03 Mr. Kadas
01:41:24 Sen. Webb
01:41:40 Mr. Kadas
01:42:08 Sen. Webb
01:42:54 Mr. Kadas
01:43:13 Sen. Tempel
01:43:35 Ms. Monteau Moore
01:44:04 Sen. Tempel

01:44:20 Ms. Monteau Moore

Closing by Sponsor:

01:44:39 Rep. Essmann

Discussion:

01:48:57 Chairman Blasdel

01:49:25 Stephanie Morrison, Fiscal Division

01:49:49 Chairman Blasdel

01:50:30 Sen. Barrett

01:50:38 Chairman Blasdel

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:51 AM

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas24aad.pdf](#))